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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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BLACKSTONE GAS COMPANY) D. T. E. 00-87
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AMENDED PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF JANUARY 1, 2001
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001
ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE SURCHARGE

Petition of Blackstone Gas Company, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10 and 220 C.M.R. § 7.00 et seq., for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of Blackstone Gas Company's proposed surcharge for the Energy Conservation Service Program for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

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AMENDED PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF CALENDAR YEAR 2001

ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE PROGRAM BUDGET AND SURCHARGE

Blackstone Gas Company ("Company" or "Petitioner"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10 and 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq., requests approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") of the Company's proposed budget and surcharge for its residential energy conservation service ("ECS") program for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 ("CY 2001"). In support of its

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Petition, the Company states the following:

1. The Company is a member utility of Conservation Services Group ("CSG"), which provides ECS to the Company's customers on behalf of the Company.
2. The Company's ECS budget for CY 2001 is \$3,266.
3. The Company states that its CY 2001 ECS budget projections are good faith estimates based on financial data from the budgets approved by the Department, and endorsed by the DOER, for CY 2000. The Company states that its twelve-month estimated expenditures for CY 2001 are reasonable.
4. The Company has complied with the requirements established in G.L. c. 164 App., §§ 2-1 through 2-10; 220 C.M.R. §§ 7.00 et seq.; and Mass. Save, Inc., D.P.U. 85-189 (1985).
5. In support of this Petition, the Company hereby incorporates into this Petition the exhibits the Petitioner filed with the Department in support of its proposed surcharge. These exhibits are as follows: EXHIBIT BG-1.
6. The Petitioner states that the documentation which the Company has provided to reconcile undercollections and overcollections from prior fiscal years is complete and accurate. The effect of these reconciling items for the Company is an overcollection of \$1,228 for the calendar year 2000 and an overcollection of \$259 for prior fiscal years. Adjusting the budget amount by these under- and overcollections results in a net amount of \$1,779 to be collected for CY 2001.

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7. The Company calculated its CY 2001 ECS surcharge by dividing the net amount to be collected to support ECS services by the total number of bills expected to be rendered during CY 2001. The ECS surcharge to be applied to the Company bills during CY 2001 is \$0.14 per bill per month. The current ECS surcharge for the Company is \$0.16 per bill per month approved by the Department in Blackstone Gas Company, D. T. E. 99-94-A (December 30, 1999).

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8. The Company will file for an adjustment to its ECS surcharge in the event that it is overcollecting by more than ten percent at the end of June, 2001.

Wherefore, the Petitioner, Blackstone Gas Company, hereby respectfully prays that the Department approve, after publication of notice, and as required by applicable law and regulations, its proposed CY 2001 ECS budget and surcharge.

Respectfully submitted,

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December 14, 2000

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Attention: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

RE: Blackstone Gas Company, Energy Conservation
Surcharge
D. T. E. 00-87

Dear Madam Secretary:

We file herewith on behalf of Blackstone Gas Company (the "Company"), the Company's amended petition in which approval is sought for the Company's Residential Energy Conservation Service ("ECS") budget for the period of January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001 pursuant to G.L. c. 164 App. §§2-1 et. seq. (the "CY 2001 Budget"). Also enclosed herewith are three (3) copies of the amended calculation of the Company's proposed CY 2001 ECS surcharge, together with other supporting schedules. Also enclosed is the Offer of Settlement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources concerning the above matters.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your courtesy in this matter.

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Sincerely,

Thomas P. Hurley, CPA

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Enclosures

December 18, 2000

Mr. Kevin Penders
Department of Telecommunications
and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Mr. Penders:

Please consider this our request to waive the December 21, 2000 Residential Energy Conservation Service hearing for Blackstone Gas Company (D.T.E. 00-87). It is our understanding that all necessary documents have been forwarded to your office for review. It is also our understanding that all information regarding this matter is complete and accurate. Therefore, we ask that you grant our request.

Please advise if you need additional information.

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Sincerely,

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